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**INQUIRY INTO FEASIBILITY OF UNDERGROUNDING  
THE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR  
RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**

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The Hon Emily Suvaal, Committee Chair,

Inquiry - Feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects

Standing Committee on State Development

Parliament House

6 Macquarie Street

SYDNEY NSW 2000

13th July 2023

Dear The Hon Emily Suvaal MLC,

Re: Feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to this important inquiry into the feasibility of undergrounding transmission infrastructure for renewable infrastructure projects.

My wife and I are retired and we moved from Sydney to our home in Gocup NSW (near TUMUT NSW) approximately 7 years ago. We have spent considerable time in the region over the years as my wife's family are

When we purchased our beautiful home on we were attracted to the beauty of the area with green rolling hills and views across the Killimicat range.

The house is located on a hill with with panoramic views of the proposed location of the electrical towers.

We have invested our retirement plan into the house only to find out that the view that was one of the main attractions is about to be ruined for life with massive infrastructure.

In addition the lifestyle risks from fire, the impact on property values and the impact on the region overall is considerable.

These impacts have largely been ignored as the project has pushed forward without consultation or consideration of the personal or financial impacts. The only correspondence that we have received was a legal letter telling us that all is OK and there is no impact on our carriageway or easements that our title includes.

The personal impact on my wife and I has been considerable and stressful. The value of our house is likely to be devalued considerably and as the towers are not on our land there is no compensation.

As you know there are comparable projects overseas where decisions have been made to build the lines underground. Australia is a lucky advanced country. We should be forward looking for generations of today and tomorrow.

Let's do this important project properly.

I urge the Standing Committee to recommend that undergrounding is the best way forward for renewable energy transmission in NSW. As we transition to net zero emissions we need environmentally responsible transmission as well as generation.